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XXMMEHP#4-TB16081 CONTAINS ISHTAR (IN PARAGRAPHS SO MARKED) 3/00/ [REDACTED] R197-71
NATIONAL SECURITY AGENCY SOUTHEAST ASIA SIGINT SUMMARY XXCC THE SUSPECTED VC
267TH MAIN FORCE INFANTRY BATTALION REPORTED ON 14 AUGUST TO THE SUBREGION
HEADQUARTERS CONCERNING 9 AND 10 AUGUST ACTIVITY. ON 9 AUGUST A CIVIL GUARD
COMPANY FROM HIEP HOA (XT 4609, 10-56N 106-20E) WHICH HAD BEEN SENT TO ATTACK A
COMMUNIST POSITION, WAS ATTACKED BY A PLATOON OF THE BATTALION'S 2D COMPANY.
NEARBY, ONE ALLIED PLATOON WAS ANNIHILATED, INCLUDING TWO U.S. ADVISORS. ON
10 AUGUST, AN ALLIED LANDING PARTY FROM HIEP HOA WAS AMBUSHED NEAR THE VAM CO
DONG RIVER. THE COMMUNISTS REPORTEDLY SANK 1 BOAT AND SERIOUSLY DAMAGED
ANOTHER. (ISHTAR) RECENTLY AVAILABLE INFORMATION REVEALS THAT ON 10 AUGUST THE
SUSPECTED DETACHED ELEMENT, HA, LONG AN SR REAPPEARED IN COMMUNICATIONS WITH
THE PROBABLE C200 COMMUNICATIONS HEADQUARTERS FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE 25 JULY.
(ISHTAR) (3/00/ [REDACTED] R194-71; 21 [REDACTED] VCM/T1468-71, 161200Z; T1466-71, 160755Z;
2/00/VCM/R330-71, 111700Z) (SECRET SPOKE) ISHTAR 6. MILITARY REGION 2 ON 17
AUGUST, THE KIEN TUONG PROVINCIAL UNIT WAS LOCATED IN NORTHERN KIEN TUONG
PROVINCE AT NT 864124 (10-57N 105-47E), 10 KM SOUTHEAST OF ITS 2 AUGUST
POSITION. THE PROBABLE BEN TRE PU FORWARD ELEMENT, GIONG TROM DISTRICT WAS
LOCATED ON 17 AUGUST IN CENTRAL KIEN HOA PROVINCE AT XS 605197 (10-07N
106-28E), 10 KM SOUTHEAST OF ITS 7 AUGUST POSITION. ALSO IN KIEN HOA PROVINCE,
ON 13 AUGUST AN UNIDENTIFIED BEN TRE PU SUBORDINATE--PROBABLY THE NORTHERN MO
CAY DISTRICT COMMAND--SUBMITTED A BATTLE PLAN FOR THE PREVIOUSLY DISCLOSED
AUGUST HIGHPOINTS REVEALING COMMUNIST INTENTIONS TO STRIKE ALLIED SQUADS IN
THE AREA OF TAN THANH BINH (XS 4626, 10-11N 106-20E) AND NHUAN PHU TAN (XS
3719, 10-07N 106-15E). COMMUNIST UNITS INVOLVED IN THIS ACTIVITY WERE TO INCLUDE
ELEMENTS OF THE VC 560TH LOCAL FORCE BATTALION. (SECRET SPOKE) II. CAMBODIA A.
MILITARY SITUATION 1. MILITARY REGION 1 ON 16 AUGUST THE VIETNAMESE COMMUNIST
HQ, SOUTH VIETNAM WATCH AUTHORITY WAS LOCATED IN SOUTHWESTERN KRATIE PROVINCE
AT XU 111511 (12-13N 106-01E), 16 KM NORTHWEST OF ITS 8 JUNE POSITION. TO THE
SOUTHWEST, ALSO ON 16 AUGUST, HQ, VC 272D REGIMENT WAS LOCATED IN SOUTHEASTERN
KOMPONG CHAM PROVINCE AT HU 742329 (12-03N 105-40E), 13 KM NORTHEAST OF ITS 5
AUGUST POSITION. THE SUSPECTED HQ, NVA 88TH REGIMENT WAS LOCATED ON 16 AUGUST
IN PREY VENG PROVINCE AT HT 630580 (11-22N 105-34E), 11 KM NORTH OF ITS 13
AUGUST POSITION. CAMBODIAN AUTHORITIES REPORT THAT ON 15 AUGUST, 1,000 VC/NVA
WERE LOCATED IN THE PEAM CHEANG PLANTATION ABOUT 15 KM SOUTHEAST OF KOMPONG
CHAM CITY. ON THE NIGHT OF 11-12 AUGUST, TWO MINOR HARASSMENTS WERE DIRECTED
AGAINST CAMBODIAN POSITIONS AT THE KOMPONG CHAM AIRFIELD. (2/GI/CEY/T3144-71,
121946Z; T3198-71, 160800Z) (SECRET SPOKE) 2. MILITARY REGION 2 AN ESTIMATED

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2,000 ENEMY TROOPS, DEPLOYED 5 KM SOUTH OF TUK MEAS, INTEND TO ATTACH GOVERNMENT POSITIONS THERE \$IN THE NEAR FUTURE,\$ ACCORDING TO INFORMATION FURNISHED BY A CAPTURED CAMBODIAN VC (KVC) AND RELAYED BY GOVERNMENT FORCES IN A COMMUNIQUE OF 16 AUGUST. (2/GI/CEY/T3200-71, 1619-5Z) ~~(SECRET SPOKE)~~ 3. MILITARY REGION 3 RECENT CAMBODIAN COMMUNICATIONS REVEAL ENEMY INTENTIONS TO ATTACK A GOVERNMENT POSITION ON NATIONAL ROUTE 5, AND [] COMMUNICATIONS CONTAIN INFORMATION ON RED CAMBODIAN ACTIVITY PROVIDED BY A RALLIER. ACCORDING TO A MESSAGE OF 16 AUGUST, 500 VC/NVA POSITIONED 23 KM WEST OF KOMPONG CHHNANG CITY INTEND TO ATTACK AN UNSPECIFIED CAMBODIAN POSITION ALONG NATIONAL ROUTE 5. ACCORDING TO A RALLIER, RED CAMBODIANS IN AN AREA SOME 15 KM NORTH OF MOUNG HAVE FORCED LOCAL VILLAGERS TO UNDERGO TRAINING AND TO PROVIDE FOOD FOR THE RED CAMBODIANS. THE RALLIER FURTHER STATED THAT THE VILLAGERS ARE DISSATISFIED WITH THE FORCED TRAINING AND FOOD SHORTAGES AND ARE CONTINUALLY FLEEING FROM THE VILLAGES. (2/GI/CEY/R3196-71, 160400Z; 2/ [] T1082-71, 161039Z) ~~(SECRET SPOKE)~~ 4. MILITARY REGION 4 XXHH 900 #3226 NNNH

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